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SUBJECT: BILATERAL ENVIRONMENTAL DISCUSSIONS WITH MEXICO

REF: (A) MEXICO 7902; (B) MEXICO 7824

1. ALTHOUGH GOM HAS NOT YET REPLIED TO EMBASSY'S AIDE-MEMOIRE (REF. A), WE ARE PROCEEDING ON ASSUMPTION GOM AGREEABLE TO BILATERAL DISCUSSIONS IN MEXICO IN EARLY DECEMBER. WE PREPARED TO SEND TEAM OF DEPARTMENT (SCI/EN); EPA; IBWC, AND POSSIBLY COAST GUARD OFFICIALS. BECAUSE OF OTHER COMMITMENTS, DEPARTMENT HOPES DATES OF DECEMBER 6 AND 7, RATHER THAN NOVEMBER 26, WOULD BE ACCEPTABLE TO GOM. WE ENVISAGE MEXICAN OFFICIAL CHAIRING MEETING. IN ORDER FOR DISCUSSIONS TO BE FRUITFUL, DEPARTMENT BELIEVES THAT CLEAR UNDERSTANDING OF PURPOSE OF DISCUSSIONS SHOULD BE REACHED BEFORE MEETING. FOR OUR PART, WE DO NOT CONTEMPLATE NE-LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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AT THIS TIME BILATERAL ENVIRONMENTAL AGREEMENT, EITHER GOVERNMENT-TO-GOVERNMENT OR AGENCY-TO-AGENCY. IN U. S. VIEW, PRIMARY PURPOSE OF MEXICO CITY DISCUSSIONS SHOULD BE TO ESTABLISH INVENTORY OF BORDER ENVIRONMENTAL PROBLEMS; A LISTING OF MEASURES UNDER WAY OR CONTEMPLATED WHICH WILL LEAD TO THEIR SOLUTION; LISTING OF OTHER ISSUES WHOSE SOLUTION REQUIRES BILATERAL COOPERATION; AND, FINALLY, ANY OTHER PROBLEMS. DEPARTMENT WILL BE SENDING SHORTLY TO EMBASSY FOR TRANSMISSION TO MEXICAN AUTHORITIES ITS LISTS IN THE ABOVE CATEGORIES WITH AN ASSESSMENT OF THE NATURE OF EACH PROBLEM. WE WOULD APPRECIATE SIMILAR MEXICAN LISTS SOONEST. FOR A REASONABLY FRUITFUL MEETING, WE BELIEVE LISTS SHOULD BE EXCHANGED AT LEAST TWO WEEKS BEFORE THE MEETING.

2. U. S. SUGGESTS THAT MEETING BEGIN WITH EXPLANATION BY BOTH SIDES OF EXISTING LEGISLATIVE AUTHORITY AND ORGANIZATIONAL STRUCTURE FOR DEALING WITH POLLUTION PROBLEMS.

3. SHOULD GOM CONSIDER THAT, IN VIEW OF RELATIVELY BRIEF PERIOD REMAINING BEFORE PROPOSED DISCUSSIONS, IT MIGHT WISH TO POSTPONE MEETING UNTIL AFTER FIRST OF YEAR, DEPARTMENT WOULD INTERPOSE NO OBJECTION.

4. EMBASSY REQUESTED TO DISCUSS FOREGOING WITH FOREIGN OFFICE AND PROVIDE GOM REACTION SOONEST. KISSINGER

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